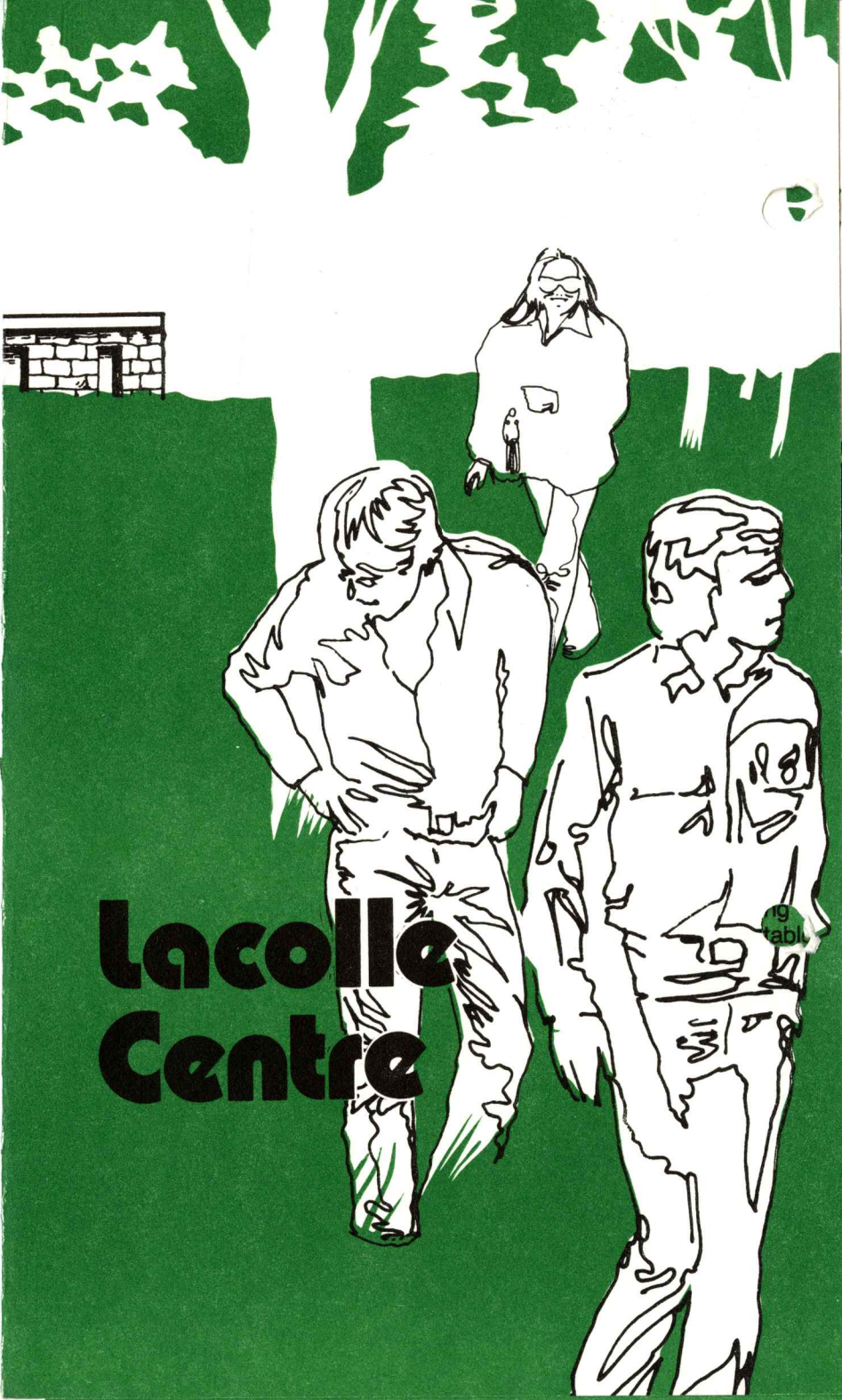
Lacolle
Centre

Purpose

It has been said that most of us live like the owner of a grand two-storey mansion who inhabits only the basement.
Lacolle Centre has been developed by the Loyola campus of Concordia University on the premise that much of our insight, learning and experience is unnecessarily limited by routine and patterns. Lacolle Centre is an off-campus farmhouse where some of the usual limitations are absent. The Centre offers an atmosphere that encourages development and understanding of relationships among people who are involved in educational pursuits. It also provides opportunities and resources to explore innovative approaches in learning and working together.

Goals

The Centre has three primary objectives:
1) A place where students and faculty from the Loyola campus can work together to create new relationships, to generate new energies, and insights, in campus life and studies.
2) A resource centre for the development of skills in communication, listening, perception, creative expression, interactional learning, organization.
3) A catalyst for community-building on the Loyola campus.

Programme

Programmes develop directly out of the imaginations and concerns of students, faculty, and staff of Loyola campus. Some examples have been:

—Creativity and Creative Writing Workshops
—Explorations into "Freedom, Authority and Anarchy"
—French Language and Cultural Immersion

Some programmes developed by the Centre itself include Human Relations Labs and Leadership Programmes:
Programmes, especially those sponsored by the centre itself, will be widely advertised on campus.

The Facility

Lacolle Centre is a farmhouse about forty miles from the campus near the Champlain border crossing. It includes comfortable living accommodation for 24 people, a fully equipped kitchen, four suitable meeting rooms, and about twenty acres of lawn and woodlot.

Lacolle Council

The Centre operates under the auspices of a Council which is responsible to the Vice-Rector and Principal of the Loyola campus. The Council, faculty, students and staff, sets the general policies and direction of the Centre. The Chairman of the Council is Dr. Pallen. The operational direction is provided by the Coordinating Committee made up of Maureen Cullen, Secretary; Marilyn Taylor, Programme Development; and Peter Richardson, Coordinator. The office for the Centre is in AD-104, local 344.

In addition, a consultant is available for help in planning and evaluating programmes. For 1973-74 the consultant is Prof. R. D. McDonald from the Centre for Human Relations and Community Studies.

IF THERE IS A PROGRAMME YOU WOULD LIKE TO INITIATE contact a member of the Coordinating Committee or drop into the Lacolle office.